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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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ReNYtel, 8/12/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 8/11/68 concerning a contact between STANLEY LEVISON and ANDREW YOUNG.

On 8/10/68, [redacted] advised that HARRY BELAFONTE told STANLEY LEVISON that he had been getting calls and messages from BERNARD LEE (a special assistant to MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. at the SCLC) but has not been able to get in touch with LEE. He added that LEE called GLORIA (CANTOR BELAFONTE's secretary) and that LEE was "deeply concerned" and wanted to get in touch with BELAFONTE in a hurry "because seemingly CORETTA (KING) has made some move to take over SCLC". LEVISON expressed suprise and said he knew nothing about it.

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This information is not being set forth in this LHM because there is no information to substantiate the allegation that CORETTA KING is undertaking any move to seize control of SCLC. (S)

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Information copies of this LHM are being furnished Chicago and Memphis.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
August 13, 1968

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Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on August 11, 1968, that on that date Stanley Levison was in contact with Andrew Young, Executive Vice-President of the SCLC. Young suggested that a competent person be put in charge of SCLC operations in New York. Levison agreed but stated that Bill Rutherford, Executive Director, SCLC, would not be able to handle it in addition to his fund-raising duties.

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Young asked Levison's opinion on how the Poor People's representation came off at the Republican National Convention. Levison stated that it was terrible because Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President, gets the most negative reactions. He said Abernathy just does not come over right on television and that his slow-wittedness contrasted with the people he was dealing with.

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Levison also felt it was a mistake for Abernathy to go with Governor Kirk of Florida into the community in Miami where an outbreak of violence occurred during the Republican Convention. Young explained that the SCLC had a mass meeting arranged in the community and that Abernathy was on the way to this meeting when he met the governor. Young agreed that it was a mistake for Abernathy to have gotten in the police car with the governor.

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Levison told Young that he must again reiterate that unless Young or someone else emerges as a "figure" within the SCLC, it will not be able to get funds. Levison claimed that "dry rot" has taken place in the organization.

Young mentioned that he is supposed to give the key note address at the SCLC Convention beginning on August 14, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. Referring to what he should talk about, he noted that he had told Martin Luther King (deceased head of the SCLC) that the SCLC should stop apologizing for violence. He said the fact of alienation must be accepted and, regardless of what SCLC does, some people are going to lash out violently in some circumstances. Young said he intends to comment on the deliberate attmepts of the right wing to provoke violence and will use incidents such as the recent Paris demonstrations to show that violence only produces a stronger reaction from the right.

Young told Levison that Bennette, whom the source believed is Fred Bennette of the SCLC staff in Atlanta, thinks that the right wing is deliberately trying to stir up the Negroes in the East Point area of Atlanta and cause violence in order to create a reaction among white people. This would result in white people getting out and voting because not enough white people are voting as compared to Negroes.

Levison suggested that the sniping that has been going on in different communities might have been done by rightwing people in order to blame the Negroes. He also suggested that Young might point out that there has not been any violence this summer comparable to other summers which Young could attribute to SCLC's efforts.

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Young inquired if Levison was at the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the SCLC which was held at the Howard Johnson Motel, Washington, D.C. during the period that Ralph Abernathy was in jail. He also inquired if anything was said at the meeting about collective leadership and what the thinking of the SCLC Board members is on that subject.

Levison noted that he, Chauncey Eskridge, SCLC legal advisor from Chicago, and Joe Lowery and Ben Hooks, SCLC officials, were present at the meeting and that everyone agrees that collective leadership is necessary.

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I have received your letter of August 12th.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance, and I am unable to suggest any source where you may obtain the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: OPERATION BREADBASKET
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OO: Atlanta
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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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OO: Chicago
(CG 157-1148) (P)

Re Chicago teletype, 7/19/68 under above captions.

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Chicago is continuing to follow captioned matters very closely and Bureau and any interested office will be appropriately advised of subsequent developments.

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Chicago, Illinois
July 23, 1968

OPERATION BREADBASKET

BLACKSTONE RANGERS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of July 17, 1968, under the first of the above two captions.

A confidential source, with whom there has been insufficient contact to determine reliability, but who is acquainted with Negro youths residing in the Altgeld Garden Housing Project, on Chicago's far South Side, advised as follows on July 18, 1968:

Two Negro youths, one known only as "Boonie" and the other one as "Larry", reside at 13038 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, this address located in the Altgeld Garden Housing Project. Boonie reportedly has 250 Blackstone Rangers under his supervision and was in the process of making molotov cocktails. According to the above source, Boonie and his Blackstone Rangers plan to "hit" a number of A & P Grocery Stores located on Chicago's South Side over the coming weekend, that is July 20 and 21, 1968. These molotov cocktails are reportedly made of naphtha gasoline with gunny sack material utilized for wicks.

By way of background, it might be noted that 21 A & P Grocery stores were picketed on July 13, 1968, these stores located primarily on Chicago's South Side. The picketing demonstrations were sponsored by Operation Breadbasket (OB), the economic arm of the Southern

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Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Its purpose is primarily to obtain additional employment opportunities for Negroes, as well as upgrade positions held by Negroes in industry and local businesses, accomplishing the above through pressure tactics including the use of threatened boycott and picketings. In connection with the picketing on July 13, 1968, this was an effort on the part of OB to convince A & P officials to hire some 254 additional Negro employees at their various stores located throughout the South Side.

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On July 19, 1968, [redacted] A & P, advised that on that date a complaint had been made to A & P by Mrs. CHARLES COLE, identifying herself as a representative of OB.. This complaint had noted that an A & P store at 739 East Pershing Road was selling inferior meats and produce to the Negro residents of that area. [redacted] advised that [redacted] of A & P had met with representatives of OB at the OB Offices, 366 East 47th Street, Chicago, on July 19, 1968 relative to this accusation. At that time demands made by OB for immediate employment of Negroes by A & P were repeated. Reverend Mrs. Willie Barrow, affiliated with OB, had reportedly stated at that meeting "A & P stores in the ghetto belong to us and we will have them at any cost. We can destroy the store on Pershing Road at any time we wish." Barrow also made known at that time plans of OB to picket some 25 A & P stores on Chicago's South Side from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on that date and continue the picketing of those stores, as well as others on July 20, 1968. [redacted] advised that all of the above information furnished by him had also been made available to appropriate representatives of the Chicago Police Department.

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It might be noted also that at this time information received from the first source, above, was made available to [redacted]

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That information had also previously been made available to appropriate representatives of the Chicago Police Department as well as the 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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As of 8:00 p.m., July 19, 1968, [redacted] advised only three A & P Stores had, so far, been picketed on this date by OB. The stores were located at 8007 South Cottage Grove Avenue, 7537 South State Street, and 1850 East 71st Street, all in Chicago.

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In connection with the information furnished by the first source above, relative to the making of molotov cocktails, it might be noted that sources [redacted] generally knowledgeable concerning Negro youth gang activities in Chicago, and the Blackstone Rangers specifically, were contacted and were unable to furnish any information which tended to substantiate that provided by the source.

Additionally, confidential sources of the Chicago Office of the FBI, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past and who are generally knowledgeable concerning Negro youth gang activities in the Chicago area, likewise advised that they were unable to provide any information substantiating that provided by this source.

On July 22, 1968, [redacted] above, advised that various stores within the A & P Food Chain, totaling some 23 had been picketed over the period July 19, to July 21, 1968, by individuals representative of OB. These stores had not only been located in Chicago but in Wilmette and Evanston, Illinois.

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[redacted] continued that a source available to him, whom he considers reliable, had on this date provided him with information concerning an OB meeting held the previous Saturday, July 20, 1968, on Chicago's South Side. [redacted] advised that some 3,000 persons had attended this meeting with approximately 10 per cent of this number Caucasian. A large number of clergy had been present, with some 25 to 30 white Catholic nuns in attendance, many ministers from the Chicago area, as well as representatives of the ministry from Cincinnati, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana. These latter representatives were present as it was the understanding of [redacted] source that OB programs were soon to be set up in these two cities.

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[redacted] source had additionally advised that noted in attendance were Reverend Arthur Brazier, head of the Woodlawn Organization and Reverend John Fry, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, 640 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago.

It might be noted at this point that both Reverends Brazier and Fry have recently figured prominently in testimony before a Senate Subcommittee in Washington, D.C. investigating misuse of Office of Economic Opportunity funds granted the Woodlawn Organization to be utilized in training and rehabilitation of members of the Blackstone Rangers. Although Reverend Fry is not directly connected with the Office of Economic Opportunity program in question, his church allegedly has been utilized as a meeting place for the Blackstone Rangers and a location where they have stored weapons, and have engaged in criminal activities including the use of narcotics.

The principal speaker at this OB meeting was Reverend Jesse Jackson, Head of the local SCLC staff and Northern Director of OB. In his remarks Jackson accused A & P of colonizing the Black community and being responsible in a large part for the lack of jobs and prosperity in the ghetto. He charged that A & P officials had promised OB representatives 750 jobs for Negroes; however, had only made available 83 jobs. He noted that A & P has operated in the ghetto for 45 years and does 60 per cent of their business there. Jackson urged that A & P hire more Negro personnel at their main offices, spend more money for advertising in Negro newspapers, utilize more Negro suppliers and hire black contractors to build future stores. Jackson stated that unless A & P submits to OB's demands, they will be driven out of the ghetto.

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Subsequent to Jackson's remarks, and related comments of other OB representatives present, pickets were organized for demonstrations before various A & P stores in the area. According to [redacted] source, hundreds of those present volunteered to participate in these picketings. The source noted that there is no question but that Reverend Jackson has the Negro community "in the palm of his hand" and that these people will do literally anything he asks. b7D

[redacted] continued that one of the A & P stores before which pickets had appeared was located at 8647 South Stony Island Avenue. Reverend Calvin Morris, associated with OB, had been in charge of this picketing demonstration. During the course of this demonstration one of the pickets who was a juvenile had entered the store and purchased a bottle of alcoholic beverage from a Negro juvenile in the store who did not have authority to make this sale. An unknown representative of the pickets had then called the Chicago Police Department, alleging that a employee of A & P had made an illegal sale of liquor. The police subsequently appeared, gave the manager of the store an arrest notice for the juvenile employee; however, did not take this individual into custody. The police then proceeded to arrest the Negro juvenile who had made the purchase and who was then in the picket line, upon which Reverend Morris objected and insisted that the A & P employee also be arrested. As a result of this altercation Reverend Morris was also arrested, booked on state charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Morris was released on $25 bond and has a court date of August 2 in municipal court of Chicago to answer to these charges. b7D [redacted] advised that there had been no subsequent repercussions or disturbances as a result of this arrest and A & P officials were convinced that the entire incident was a "put up job" on the part of OB to bring further pressure against A & P. He continued that this episode is somewhat typical of the small scale harassment which has taken place for some time involving A & P stores in these areas.

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He also advised that there had been no other arrests or incidents in connection with any of the other picketing demonstrations involving A & P, and there had been no known efforts made to utilize molotov cocktails over the past weekend against any A & P stores.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-16665)(P)

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Copies of the LHM are being furnished to the USA, Miami, Secret Service (Miami and Miami Beach Advance Unit), 111th M.I. Group (Orlando and Group Operations, Miami Beach), OSI (6th OSI District, Robins AFB, Ga., and Miami), and the Miami Beach PD.

Contacts with Greyhound and Trailways Bus Stations in Miami failed to identify the company from whom arrivals in Miami have chartered busses. Stops have been placed

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placed with both of these companies for information concerning the arrival of chartered busses which appear to be in some way connected with the Republican National Convention.

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Miami, Florida
August 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 5-10, 1968

A source advised on August 5, 1968, that shortly after noon on that day, a chartered bus arrived at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Headquarters, 534 Northwest Second Avenue, Miami, Florida. This bus had 23 Negroes from Memphis, Tennessee, who reportedly came to Miami for demonstrations at the Republican National Convention. These people registered at the SCLC Headquarters, and then were bussed to places where housing arrangements had been made, possibly local churches.

This source also advised that a busload of approximately 40 individuals reportedly arrived in Miami on August 4, 1968, from Atlanta, Georgia, for SCLC's demonstrations at the Republican National Convention. He said another busload of 40 individuals from Atlanta is expected to arrive in Miami late on August 5, 1968, or early on August 6, 1968.

This source further advised that general discussion around Miami SCLC Headquarters indicates that approximately 300 people who have been active in demonstrations sympathetic to the striking sanitation workers in St. Petersburg, Florida, are also expected to arrive in Miami for demonstrations at the Republican National Convention.

He said among those arriving from Memphis were BUD ADAMS and RICO HEIDELBERG, both Negroes and former participants in the Poor Peoples Campaign.

The records of the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, show that Reverend FRED C. BENNETTE, JR., of Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, a staff member of the SCLC, rented three penthouse rooms at that hotel through August 9, 1968. According to BENNETTE, these

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Character

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-16665)(P)

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The information in this LHM has been orally furnished to U. S. Secret Service, 111th MI Group, OSI and Miami Beach Police Department.

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Miami, Florida
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Sources from whom other info was obtained have not been furnished Miami. Due to the urgency in preparation of this LHM, this info was not obtained from the respective offices.

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On August 5, 1968, [redacted] advised the persons listed below, who have been involved in activities sympathetic to the striking sanitation workers in St. Petersburg, Florida, may be coming to Miami, Florida to participate in demonstrations at the Republican National Convention. b7D

On August 6, 1968, [redacted] said that there was no indication that these people were still in St. Petersburg, Florida:

Reverend ALBERT CLEAGE, JR., of Detroit, Michigan

Sources at Detroit advised that Reverend CLEAGE was in the Detroit area on August 6, 1968, and there was no indication he intended to travel to Miami, Florida.

LORENZO FREEMAN, Also Known As Ronnie, a Negro male, born April 2, 1934

Sources advised that FREEMAN was currently away from the Detroit, Michigan area, and not expected to return to that area until the evening of August 7, 1968. FREEMAN was identified as a former Staff Organizer for the West Central Organization, and now reportedly is Vice-Chairman of the Federation for Self-Determination.

PETER B. BERNARD, 5259 Pacific Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

BERNARD was unknown to sources in the Detroit, Michigan area.

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JOSEPH LESTER HANKERSON, JR., a Negro male, born July 2, 1922

HANKERSON is reportedly a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Representative from Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] b3 b6

[redacted] At that time, he was shown as Field Secretary for SCLC. He appears identical with a person listed as Second in Command of the mule train which travelled from Jackson, Mississippi to Washington, D.C., in connection with the Poor Peoples Campaign.

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HANKERSON was active in Selma, Alabama and Montgomery, Alabama, in civil rights matters during racial disturbances in those cities.

LEON WILBERT HALL, SCLC Representative from Atlanta, Georgia

On April 25, 1968, it was reported that HALL was the SCLC Secretary for the State of Mississippi. He is a Negro male, born March 31, 1948, 5'8" tall, 125 pounds, black hair, African-style haircut, goatee and mustache.

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WILLIE TABB, SCLC Representative from Atlanta, Georgia

As of December 31, 1967, TABB was employed by the SCLC as a Field Representative. He was designated as a leader at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the Washington Spring Project. He was also assigned to the Chicago Voters Project in January of 1967, for the SCLC.

PERCY MORROW, SCLC Representative from Atlanta, Georgia

No information is available concerning MORROW.

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The following are photographs of HANKERSON, HALL, TABB and MORROW:

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The August 6, 1968, edition of the "St. Petersburg Times," a St. Petersburg, Florida daily newspaper, contained an article noting that LOUIS E. LOMAX, a Negro journalist from Los Angeles, California, who may come to St. Petersburg, Florida for activities in connection with the strike of sanitation workers there, was, according to his attorney, in Miami Beach, Florida for the Republican National Convention. This article reported that LOMAX conferred on August 5, 1968, in Miami Beach, Florida, with Organizer WILLIAM LAND and a group of ten former St. Petersburg sanitation workers who are in Miami Beach for the Republican Convention.

This article identified ten individuals apparently from St. Petersburg, Florida, who are in Miami Beach for the Republican Convention, as follows:

JAMES ANDERSON

WILLIE REDDICK

WILLIE COLEMAN

WILLIE MC GHEE

GEORGE HUDSON

PETE HALL

W. L. JONES

HENRY CATHIRELL

FRANK TURNER

FRED WINNER

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The June 28, 1968, edition of the "St. Petersburg Times" contained an article on demonstrations in St. Petersburg on June 27, 1968, by discharged sanitation workers, following which thirty-six individuals were charged with Disorderly Conduct. Among those arrested were the following, who appeared identical with the persons listed above:

JAMES ANDERSON

WILLIE COLEMAN

WILLIE MC GHEE

GEORGE HUDSON

FRANK TURNER

The above were arrested and subsequently released on bond.

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Re Miami teletype, 8/6/68.

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[redacted] advised on August 6, 1968, that approximately eighty persons identifying themselves as Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) members and Poor People's Campaign participants arrived at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, at approximately 12:40 P.M. that day. This group was led by Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY and HOSEA WILLIAMS and milled around the hotel lobby.

During this time, Reverend ABERNATHY reiterated information he had previously furnished that day at a press conference to the effect that the SCLC would have its mule train at the Fontainebleau Hotel at 4:00 P.M. that day, and they would proceed from there to the Miami Beach Convention Hall, arriving at approximately 6:00 P.M.

HOSEA WILLIAMS announced that starting at that time, the SCLC, Poor People's Campaign, would picket in front of the Fontainebleau Hotel.

No incidents occurred in the lobby of the Fontainebleau Hotel; however, the group was boisterous and disruptive. They received extensive press and television coverage.

No effort was made by Miami Beach authorities to remove the demonstrators from the hotel lobby.

During a press conference on the morning of August 6, 1968, Dr. ABERNATHY announced that the SCLC

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is attempting to secure fifty passes for the Republican Convention for August 7, 1968; however, as of that time, had been able to obtain only fifteen.

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On August 6, 1968, [redacted] advised that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) commenced its demonstrations for the National Republican Convention by entering the lobby of the Fontainebleau Hotel, which is the Republican headquarters.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed this demonstration, which commenced at approximately 12:00 noon on August 6, 1968. Approximately 80 persons in this group wore identification showing them to be connected with the SCLC and the Poor People's Campaign.

MICHAEL MEISELMAN arrived in the Fontainebleau Hotel lobby shortly after the others. He had in his possession about 75 signs to be carried by protesters, most of which were protest to the United States involvement in Vietnam. HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC national staff member, approached MEISELMAN, read all the signs in his possession, and threw many of them aside, telling MEISELMAN that this demonstration was interested in the poor people and not the Vietnam war.

The February 14, 1968 issue of "Work List Mailing," a Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) publication, identified MICHAEL MEISELMAN as a staff member and Florida traveler for SSOC.

A characterization of SSOC is contained in the appendix.

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Also observed with these demonstrators was DAVID LITNER.

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According to [redacted] DAVID LITNER was an ardent Communist Party (CP) member.

These people remained in the Fontainebleau Hotel lobby for approximately one hour, during which time they received considerable news and television coverage.

They then entered a meeting room at the Fontainebleau, where a 45-minute press conference was held. They re-entered the lobby and then exited the hotel, conducting a peaceful demonstration along Collins Avenue in front of the hotel. This demonstration was then discontinued at approximately 4:00 P.M.

The SCLC assembled a mule train, which consisted of one wagon and two mules, at the Miami Beach High School late on the afternoon of August 6, 1968, according to [redacted]

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While this mule train was being assembled, one of the mules bolted, injuring one man and causing damage to two automobiles. The injured man required hospitalization, according to [redacted]

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed this mule train, followed by approximately 150 demonstrators, depart the Miami Beach High School at approximately 6:00 P.M. It traveled north to the Fontainebleau Hotel, remained only a few minutes, and then traveled to the Miami Beach Convention Hall. On its arrival at the Convention Hall, Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY was driving the mule wagon.

On arrival at the Convention Hall, the number of people in this demonstration dropped to about 75 Included in this group of 75 were ALFRED [illegible] and MICHAEL LANDES.

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[redacted] advised on October 10, 1964, that ALFRED FEATHERSTON allegedly stated on October 9, 1964, "It would be a good idea to be able to help the CP to eliminate President JOHNSON." b7D

[redacted] described FEATHERSTON as a "Communist." He stated FEATHERSTON continually praised FIDEL CASTRO and criticized almost everything about the United States. b7D

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After this group had assembled outside the Miami Beach Convention Hall, CLARENCE TOWNES of the Republican Party's Division of Minorities, together with RAY BLISS, Chairman of the Republican Party, approached Reverend ABERNATHY and furnished him from 37 to 43 tickets admitting that many people to the Convention. ABERNATHY and his followers appeared very pleased with this action and those people who had received these tickets then, on the invitation of RAY BLISS, entered the Convention Hall. These tickets placed the recipients in nine different sections of the Convention Hall.

Neither LANDES nor FEATHERSTON received tickets for admission into the Convention Hall.

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The SCLC demonstrators remained outside the Convention Hall, conducting a peaceful demonstration, until approximately 9:00 P.M.

The above demonstrations received considerable press and television coverage. There were no arrests or incidents during these demonstrations.

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (SSOC)

On November 1, 1966, a first source advised that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), with headquarters at 1703 Portland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, was formed on the weekend of April 3-5, 1964, to stimulate activity of Southern Student groups in areas of civil rights, peace, academic freedom, civil liberties, capital punishment and unemployment. Originally, it was to be a white counterpart of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). It has agreed to work with similar interested groups such as SNCC and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF). SSOC is a fraternal affiliate of the SDS.

Beginning in the Fall of 1966, SSOC became a membership organization and embarked on a campaign to form local chapters on various college campuses throughout the South. SSOC publishes, October through May each year, a publication, "new South Student," which, according to the above source, has increasingly espoused and defended the pro-Communist and anti-United States position on domestic and foreign policy.

On August 12, 1966, a second source advised that Donald Leslie Boner of Nashville, Tennessee, had been in the Communist Party (CP) for about four months.

On September 27, 1966, a third source advised that Donald Boner, while in attendance at a CPUSA Youth Conference, Camp Webatuck, New York, September 12-14, 1966, gave a report regarding Nashville, saying that CP personnel were concentrating on organizing rent strikes, working with SSOC and SCEF, and establishing a Socialist Study Group for students.

On September 27, 1966, and again on June 2, 1967, the third source advised that during the Summer of 1966, the CPUSA concentrated its youth cadre in organizing projects in several cities in an effort to recruit for and strengthen local CP youth organizations. Nashville, Tennessee, was

included in this project. The youth placed in charge of the Nashville project was Donald Leslie Boner, with funds to be made available for three to five full-time organizers in Nashville. Jacqueline Saindon of the New York City CP also came to Nashville in the Summer of 1966 for this purpose. At the CPUSA Youth Conference at Camp Webatuck, September, 1966, Boner reported that effective liaison had been made with SSOC. Following the conference, attendees Brian Heggen and Patricia Louise Rabbitt traveled to Nashville to join Boner's organizing efforts there.

On February 28, 1967, a fourth source advised that Patricia Louise Rabbitt of Seattle, Washington, a member of the Northwest CP District, had gone to Nashville, Tennessee, to organize in connection with a CP assignment.

On June 8, 1967, source five advised that Patricia Rabbitt, Brian Heggen, Donald Boner and his wife, Carol Stevens Boner, were all active members of SSOC in Nashville and that Heggen was as of that time Editor of the official SSOC publication, "New South Student."

The April, 1967, issue, Volume IV, No. 4, of "New South Student" carried a book review on page 22 by Donald Boner of a book entitled "CIA and American Labor," authored by George Morris, Labor Editor of "The Worker," East Coast Communist newspaper. Boner was described therein as an active member of the Nashville SSOC Chapter.

On July 7, 1967, source three advised that the CPUSA conducted a training school for CP youths at Camp Abelard, New York, beginning June 17, 1967, and lasting for three weeks. During this school, CP youth conferences were held at the Camp from July 1 through July 4, 1967, and during a youth conference, a meeting was held relative to the activities of Party youths during a July, 1967, trip to the Soviet Union, which had been scheduled. It was announced that a trip to Leningrad for the DuBois Clubs of America and CP youths would begin July 17, 1967. A list of persons to be submitted to the Vietnamese had American Delegation for the Paris meeting with the Vietnamese youths was drawn up. The DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) had been designated as the organizer for this meeting in the United States and suggested a list of names for the American delegation. Among the names, as a representative for SSOC, was Tom Gardner.

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SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (SSOC)

SSOC "Worklist Mailing," Volume 1, No. 1, dated September 15, 1967, relative to staff announcements indicated that Tom Gardner, SSOC Chairman, would be back from his trip to Prague in a few days. The article explained that Gardner was selected as one of 25 representatives of the American Peace Movement to meet with representatives of the National Liberation Front (NLF) and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV).

SSOC "Worklist Mailing," dated February 14, 1968, indicated that Alan Levin, also known as Nik, SSOC Vice Chairman, was in Cuba for the month of February (1968).

By letter dated April 26, 1968, on SSOC letterhead mailed to the general SSOC membership over the signature of Mike Welch, Executive Secretary of SSOC, it was announced that as a step toward close relations with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and better communications with the movement nationally, SSOC and SDS have worked out an exchange of the "New South Student" and the "New Left Notes," and that SDS and SSOC were exchanging contact lists of their respective members for this exchange.

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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)

Literature distributed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia, describes itself as not being a membership organization, but rather an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements. SNCC was born out of the sit-in movement which erupted across the South, beginning on February 1, 1960. A conference at Raleigh, North Carolina, that spring, brought together many of the demonstrating southern students in a loose network of militant youth which was officially named SNCC in October of 1960.

A source has advised that in May of 1966, STOKELY CARMICHAEL was elected National Chairman by the Central Committee. In May of 1967, CARMICHAEL was replaced as Chairman by H. RAP BROWN, with CARMICHAEL assuming the position of Recruiter and Organizer for the SNCC. In August of 1967, at the invitation of FIDEL CASTRO, CARMICHAEL participated in the Organization of Latin American Solidarity Conference, which was held in Havana, Cuba. Subsequent thereto, CARMICHAEL traveled to Hanoi and other sections of North Vietnam. He returned to the United States in December of 1967, at which time his passport was picked up because of travel to unauthorized countries.

A source advised that when CARMICHAEL was elected Chairman of the SNCC, the organization embarked on a program of eliminating Caucasians from its ranks. With the election of H. RAP BROWN as Chairman in 1967, it embarked on a world-wide struggle for human rights, and to take a firm stand against violations of these rights by the American Government and to strengthen its programs of opposition to the draft and to the United States involvement in Vietnam.

Literature distributed in February of 1968 identifies the SNCC as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

On August 13, 1967, while addressing a group in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, H. RAP BROWN said, "You better shape up in America, or we'll burn you down." Later in February of 1968, in a publicized note, BROWN wrote, "America, if it takes my death to organize my people to revolt against you and your children, your God, you poor, your country, and to organize mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here's my life."

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the Left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible Left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anti-Communist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "new Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some Communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization, as of April 18, 1967, were located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF)

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) was cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947. In the same House report, "The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SCHW.

An amendment to the charter of SCHW, dated April 26, 1946, changed its name to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF), and stated its purpose to be to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people, in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals.

The masthead of the April, 1967, issue of "The Southern Patriot" indicated it is the publication of SCEF, editorial and business offices of which are located at 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, eastern office of which is located at Suite 412, 799 Broadway, New York, New York. "The Southern Patriot" is published once each month, except July. SCEF is stated to be dedicated to ending discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, national origin or economic condition.

CARL BRADEN is identified as Executive Director of SCEF, and ANNE BRADEN as Editor of "The Southern Patriot."

Mrs. ALBERTA AHEARN, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), Louisville, Kentucky, testified on December 11 and 13, 1954, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Criminal Court in a State sedition prosecution against CARL JAMES BRADEN. She identified CARL BRADEN and his wife, ANNE MC CARTY BRADEN, as having been known to her as members of the CP from January of 1951 to December of 1954.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South, where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940s, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements

of the early 1960s. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for 20 years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a CP functionary, stated at a meeting of the CP in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the CP is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 3, 1966, that during the time SCHW was in existence, members of the CP were members of and worked actively in SCHW; however, since the formation of SCEF, CP members have not been encouraged to work in SCEF. The source stated SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the CP on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

A third source advised on May 25, 1965, that GEORGE MEYERS, a CP functionary, expressed great admiration for CARL and ANNE BRADEN and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned, and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 3, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of a LHM, dated as above, captioned "DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 5-10, 1968."

[redacted]

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to the USA, Miami; Secret Service (Miami and Miami Beach Advance Unit), 111th M.I. Group (Group Operations, Miami and Orlando), and OSI (6th OSI District, Robins AFB, Ga., and Miami).

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Reverend ROLAND SMITH, who is with the SCLC group in Miami, has been with the SCLC for a long time, and presently is unhappy with the free spending of some SCLC officials. He is particularly unhappy with FRED MARTIN, a white male with SCLC, because MARTIN wants the SCLC to pay for bringing large numbers of demonstrators to Miami.

The Miami Beach Police Department, U.S. Attorney, Office of Special Investigations, 111th M.I. Group, and Secret Service were advised of the above information at Miami on August 6, 1968.

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Miami, Florida
August 7, 1968

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Title: DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 5-10, 1968

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Reference: Memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JOEL S. BRESLAU
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(WFO file 157-1743)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies, for Atlanta four copies, for Baltimore two copies and for New York one copy of an LHM dated as above and captioned "JOEL S. BRESLAU; CARL FREDERICK STOVER."

Records of The Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C., were reviewed by SE [redacted] on 7/11/68. b7c

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., on 7/11/68.

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WFO file 100-0, Serial 12805 A, reflected that the Albany Division, on 12/19/50, advised that JOEL S. BRESLAU and LAWRENCE D. BRESLAU, students at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, received "The Daily Worker" and had made pro-communist statements. Their residence was listed as 4221 Van Ness Street, Washington, D.C. No other identifiable data was contained in the file.

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of The Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C., and obtained the following background information on Joel Breslau and Carl Frederick Stover:

Joel Breslau resides at 3307 Pauline Drive, Chevy Chase, Maryland, with his wife Bernice and two children. Breslau is approximately 40 years of age and is engaged in a business partnership with his father, Isadore Breslau. The firm, Mill End Shops, has a main store located at 913 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and five branch stores in Virginia and Maryland. Joel Breslau operates the branch store in Langley Park, Maryland. The firm has been in operation over 30 years and sells a complete line of fabrics for draperies. Breslau has an estimated annual income of [redacted] b7c

Carl Frederick Stover resides at 3208 Pickwick Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, with his wife Catherine and three children. Stover was born on September 29, 1930, and is the Director of the National Institute of Public Affairs, 1825 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. He has held this position since September 1, 1964, and has an estimated annual salary [redacted] b7c

Stover was previously employed as a Senior Political Scientist at Stanford University, California. He previously resided at 1530 University Avenue, Rowalta, California.

A leaflet was distributed in Washington, D. C. during January, 1966, entitled "Challenging Speakers on the Search for Peace and Justice in a Divided and Changing World." The leaflet stated that the speakers were available from The Washington Peace Center, 2111 Florida

Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., a pacifist group. Carl F. Stover, Executive Director, National Institute of Public Affairs, was listed as a speaker on "Values in Space."

On June 7, 1967, "The Washington Post," a daily Washington, D.C. newspaper, referred to Carl F. Stover as the Treasurer of the National Committee on United States-China Relations. It stated that this committee was established in 1966 as a private, non-partisan, educational group of 117 members from the academic, business, and professional communities. Its purpose was "to raise the level of dialogue on Communist China in order to get away from a tendency to see the Peking regime mainly in terms of radical communism."

On July 11, 1968, a representative of the FBI reviewed the records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. No information on Joel Breslau or Carl Frederick Stover was located.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-438794

FROM MEMPHIS 157-166

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL AUGUST SIX LAST.

SCLC CONVENTION OFFICIALLY OPENED WITH A CULTURAL AND ARTS EXHIBIT AND STAGE SHOW AT CLUB PARADISE, MEMPHIS, EVENING OF AUGUST FOURTEEN LAST. APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN HUNDRED PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE. DURING A.M. AUGUST FOURTEEN LAST, EXECUTIVE BOARD, SCLC MET AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTED. NON VIOLENCE STRESSED BY SPEAKERS AT OPENING EVENT. NO INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED MEMPHIS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CONVENTION TO DATE. LHM TO FOLLOW. AM COPY TO ATLANTA.

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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ON 9-16-80

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

I thought the President might be interested in the information contained in the enclosed memorandum. The memorandum contains the results of a conference between Stanley Levison and entertainer Harry Belafonte concerning a dispute over funds between Mrs. Coretta King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. [S]

Stanley Levison is an advisor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and has been identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963. [S]

A copy of the memorandum is also being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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August 16, 1968

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information on August 13, 1968.

Stanley Levison, an advisor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference who was identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963, recently conferred with the well-known Negro entertainer, Harry Belafonte. Belafonte was concerned over the request by Mrs. Coretta King for 50 per cent of Southern Christian Leadership Conference funds. Levison informed Belafonte that Mrs. King's request, which amounts to $200,000, is for 50 per cent of the Martin Luther King Fund which was established with the understanding that it would be shared with her. According to Levison, Mrs. King has done a lot of fund raising and the money which she is requesting is to finance her staff the cost of which will be 50 to 60 thousand dollars per year. Levison also confidentially advised Belafonte that "they" have put into the Martin Luther King Fund only about half of the money that has come in for that Fund. Consequently, Mrs. King's request is only for about 20 per cent of that Fund.

Belafonte recommended and Levison agreed to confer with a Southern Christian Leadership Conference representative regarding Mrs. King's request since according to Belafonte a confrontation is imminent between Mrs. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on many things.

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FBI

Date: 8/16/68

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Via AIRTEL
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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-166) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Remytel 8/15/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Atlanta and Chicago 2 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Copies are being furnished to the USA and U. S. Secret Service, Memphis, and to regional offices of military intelligence.

The source utilized in attached LHM is [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] on 8/15/68.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNBY:

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted]: ISD, CRD, RAO

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Will follow and report activities of SCLC convention at Memphis, Tenn.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
August 16, 1968

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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

A confidential source advised on August 14, 1968, that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) convention at Memphis, Tennessee, officially opened at 8:00 P.M. on the evening of August 14, 1968, with a cultural and arts exhibit and stage show held at the Club Paradise, 645 East Georgia, Memphis, Tennessee. Source advised that approximately 1400 to 1600 persons attended this opening event.

Source advised that during the day of August 14, 1968, the Executive Board held a meeting at the Claridge Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Source stated that the Rev. Samuel B. Kyles, Memphis Area Coordinator for SCLC, was the master of ceremonies at the cultural and arts exhibit and stage show at the Club Paradise and made a brief statement in welcoming all delegates and members of the general public to the SCLC convention. The Rev. Kyles advised that the SCLC banquet would be held at the Club Paradise on the evening of August 15, 1968, and that a mass meeting will be held at Mason Temple, Memphis, Tennessee, Friday evening at 8:00 P.M., August 16, 1968. After completing his statements the Rev. Kyles presented the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President, to the audience.

According to source, the Rev. Abernathy advised this audience that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., originally chose New Orleans as the site for this convention but that after the SCLC, in connection with the sanitation workers of Memphis,

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won a victory in the sanitation strike against the City of Memphis and after Dr. King was assassinated at Memphis, it was decided to come back to Memphis, Tennessee, to hold this convention.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., former President of SCLC, was assassinated at Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

Source advised the Rev. Abernathy made statements regarding future plans for the SCLC which included poor people involvement to an increased degree in the political field, an area that the SCLC had not gone into in the past. According to the source, the Rev. Abernathy stated that the Republicans have proven they did not want the black vote because it is known that presidential candidate Richard Nixon is not concerned about black Americans or the poor people. Abernathy indicated that there is a possibility of SCLC attendance at the Democratic convention at Chicago, Illinois, when this convention convenes later this month, and he was hopeful that the SCLC and the poor people of America would get a better response than they had received from the Republican Party.

Source continued that the Rev. Abernathy stated that the stage show presented this evening by SCLC should serve as an inspiration in that it revealed areas in which black talent is not widely known. Abernathy stated that despite any efforts by any person or groups of persons, they were going to prove that SCLC is not at its end and that by killing the dreamer, the dream was not killed. The Rev. Abernathy advised the audience that a voter registration campaign had been conducted and that the voice of the black community would be heard from in the November elections. According to this source, the Rev. Abernathy concluded his remarks by stating in effect that he was maybe a little too serious-minded for the occasion itself and would save his talking until later, after which he introduced Bill Rutherford, Executive Director, SCLC, whom he stated was not as serious-minded as was the Rev. Abernathy. He concluded his remarks by stating he wanted the people to have a good time and why not let the good times roll.

Source stated that the Rev. Rutherford made statements regarding Negro history and stated that there were a large number of black heroes who actually should have a place in American history but their heroics were not written into history books and as a result the black community is not aware of these heroes and their deeds. The Rev. Rutherford stated that this was just one of a number of changes that should be made and that the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy would be the leader who would see that these changes were made. He stated that neither adversities nor men would turn the plans or thinking of SCLC around.

The rest of the evening, according to source, was devoted to singing and dancing. A number of hymns were sung by a group of delegates from Chicago, Illinois. The orchestra that played for this event was under the leadership of Benjamin Branch, now working with SCLC in connection with Operation Bread Basket in the Chicago, Illinois, area. Source stated that a youth choir composed of approximately 60 Memphis youths, named the Memphis Freedom SCLC Choir, presented several selections.

Source advised that among the participants of this event at the Club Paradise there seemed to be a feeling of contentment in following the leadership of the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy. This was emphasized by source, who stated that when the Rev. Abernathy stated in his opening remarks that the philosophy of the SCLC continues to be that all things that are hoped to be gained must be and shall be gained through non-violence, his following statements were drowned out by the applause of the audience.

Source advised that in conversation with the Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson, member of the SCLC Executive Board, Jackson stated that the SCLC intended to have a good convention and that the purpose of the workshops that will be held during the convention would be to instruct any and all persons in things of economic and political value to the community in reaching the goals set by the SCLC leadership. The Rev. Jackson

placed great emphasis on the fact that all of their teachings would be of non-violent nature.

[redacted] advised on August 15, 1968, that no incidents or disturbances have occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, in connection with the SCLC convention. b7D

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
August 16, 1968

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Reference Memorandum dated August 16, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee

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FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 3P

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] ON AUGUST THIRTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT (CLASSIFY "SECRET").

STANLEY LEVISON TOLD HIS WIFE THAT HE HAD A STIMULATING AND EXCITING TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON WITH HARRY BELAFONTE, CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS OF MICHIGAN AND (RICHARD) HATCHER, (MAYOR OF GARY, INDIANA). HE SAID THEY MET CONTINUOUSLY FOR TWELVE HOURS (BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY BEING ORGANIZED BY CONYERS).

THEREAFTER, HARRY BELAFONTE CONTACTED LEVISON AND INQUIRED IF LEVISON HAD HEARD OF CORETTA KING'S REQUEST TO REQUISITION FIFTY PERCENT OF THE SCLC FUND. LEVISON CORRECTED HIM STATING THAT THE MONEY IS FROM THE MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL FUND. HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS FUND WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING IT WAS TO BE SHARED WITH HER.

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BELAFONTE RECOMMENDED THAT LEVISON TALK WITH BERNARD LEE, SCLC AIDE, WHO WOULD MEET WITH LEVISON ON AUGUST FOURTEEN, BECAUSE A CONFRONTATION IS IMMINENT BETWEEN CORETTA AND THE SCLC ON MANY THINGS.

LEVISON MAINTAINED THAT ON THE BUSINESS OF THE FUND THE SCLC IS NOT RIGHT. HE NOTED THAT SHE HAD DONE A LOT OF FUND RAISING AND THAT SHE WOULD USE THE MONEY TO TAKE CARE OF HER STAFF.

BELAFONTE ASKED IF IT WOULD TAKE FIFTY PERCENT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO TAKE CARE OF HER STAFF.

LEVISON STATED THAT CORETTA'S STAFF WILL COST FIFTY TO SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. HE NOTED THAT THE FUND WAS SET UP PRINCIPALLY OUT OF THE PROCEEDS OF ADS AND THAT THEY DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT THE FUND WAS FOR.

HE SAID THERE WAS AGREEMENT THERE WOULD BE A SETTLEMENT.

HE TOLD BELAFONTE CONFIDENTIALLY THAT "THEY" HAVE NOT BEEN PUTTING ALL THE MONEY THAT CAME IN INTO THE FUND. HE ESTIMATED THAT ONLY HALF OF THE MONEY WAS PUT IN. LEVISON ADDED THAT WHEN LEE SAYS THERE IS FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, ABOUT A MILLION WAS RECEIVED AND,

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THEREFORE, CORETTA IN GETTING SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IS RECEIVING ONLY TWENTY PERCENT.
LEVISON SAID HE WOULD TALK WITH BERNARD LEE AND (S)

THEN GET TOGETHER WITH BELAFONTE.

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Attached data emanating from sensitive New York source deals with money collected by Southern Christian Leadership Conference (sponsor of Poor People's Campaign) for Martin Luther King Memorial Fund. Data indicates approximately one million dollars received and only half of this amount put into the Fund.

Letterhead memorandum with details will be furnished to Internal Revenue Service, Internal Security Division and Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department, Secret Service, and military intelligence agencies.

Stanley Levison mentioned in attached was the principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and has been identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794)

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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REMYTEL AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST.

SCLC CONVENTION CONTINUED MEMPHIS, TENN., WITH WORKSHOPS HELD DURING DAYS OF AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST AND AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT. SCLC BANQUET HELD CLUB PARADISE EVEING OF AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST. APPROXIMATELY FOUR THOUSAND IN ATTENDANCE. NON-VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO BE STRESSED BY SPEAKERS AT BOTH WORKSHOPS AND SCLC BANQUET. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED MEMPHIS AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST AND AM OF AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CONVENTION.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA AND NEW YORK

FROM MEMPHIS 157-166

COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

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CONTACT WITH MAJOR AIRLINES, MEMPHIS, INSTANT DATE

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GIBBONS OR CORNELIUS GIVENS, FOR A FLIGHT TO NEW YORK

INSTANT DATE.

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RE ATLANTA TEL AUGUST NINE LAST AND NEW YORK TEL AUGUST THIRTEEN LAST. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED - FOUR THREE EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR. ATLANTA FILE ONE HUNDRED - FIVE SEVEN ONE EIGHT. NEW YORK FILE ONE HUNDRED - ONE FOUR NINE ONE NINE FOUR

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

~~RE MEMPHIS TEL AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT.~~

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[redacted] ADVISED AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT, THAT HIS SOURCE INDICATED PRIMARY TARGET OF ASSASSINATION PLOT IS QUOTE BARRACUDA END QUOTE. NAME OF RALPH ABERNATHY ONLY MENTIONED AS A POSSIBILITY OF PLOT TO KILL. WFO HAS ASCERTAINED THROUGH CHECKS THAT TRUE NAME OF BARRACUDA IS ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE. [redacted] HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT SET OUT IN MEMPHIS TEL OF AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT. [redacted] SAID HIS SOURCE IS RELIABLE BUT HE WOULD NOT REVEAL IDENTITY OF SOURCE. [redacted] HAS INSTRUCTED SOURCE TO RECONTACT HIM EVENING AUGUST SIXTEEN IF POSSIBLE. [redacted] WILL ADVISE WFO OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS THIS MATTER.

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ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 1P

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RE NEW YORK TEL, AUGUST FIFTEEN, LAST.

[redacted] (CLASSIFY "SECRET") FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION AUGUST SIXTEEN, INSTANT..

STANLEY LEVISON TOLD ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, SCLC, THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT CORETTA KING WOULD COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF SENATOR EUGENE MC CARTHY BUT THAT MC CARTHY PLACED CORETTA IN AN AWKWARD POSITION BY STATING ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST FIFTEEN, THAT HE WOULD APPOINT HER AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS IF HE IS ELECTED. LEVISON SAID IT WILL NOW APPEAR THAT CORETTA IS SUPPORTING HIM BECAUSE OF THIS. REC 4 100-438794-2305

LEVISON ALSO STATED THAT HE IS GOING TO CHICAGO ABOUT THREE PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST NINETEEN).

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ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-144189 1P

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, AUGUST NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

NEW YORK HAS NO PHOTOGRAPH OR DESCRIPTION OF CORNELIUS GIVENS. "THE WORKER", APRIL SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, PAGE ONE DESCRIBED GIVENS AS COORDINATOR OF THE NEW YORK STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. NEW YORK INDICES NEGATIVE ON NICKNAME "CORNBREAD" GIVENS.

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ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 2P

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [redacted]

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ON AUGUST TEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, ONE ROBERT PERRY (PHONETIC), SELF-IDENTIFIED AS SENATOR MC CARTHY'S DEPUTY CAMPAIGN MANAGER, CONTACTED STANLEY LEVISON REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF MRS. CORETTA KING BECAUSE "HE" (PRESUMABLY SENATOR MC CARTHY) WAS GOING TO BE ON THE WEST COAST THAT DAY AND WAS HOPING AN ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE TO SEE CORETTA KING IF SHE WAS GOING TO BE AT THE WATTS FESTIVAL THAT WEEKEND. LEVISON NOTED THAT MRS. KING IS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND WAS "POSITIVE" SHE HAD NO PLANS TO GO TO CALIFORNIA.

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ON AUGUST ELEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, STANLEY LEVISON WHILE IN CONTACT WITH ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SCLC WAS ASKED BY YOUNG IF "JACK"

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COULD BE BROUGHT BACK (TO THE SCLC). LEVISON STATED THAT JACK WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME BACK UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION BECAUSE HE A HAS AN IMPORTANT POST WITH MC CARTHY.

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NO MEMO BEING SUBMITTED.

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Attached relates to a contact between Stanley Levison, former concealed communist, and Senator Eugene McCarthy's campaign manager.

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FROM NEW YORK 100-149194
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY [redacted] (CLASSIFY "SECRET").

ON EIGHT TEN SIXTYEIGHT, HARRY BELFONTE TOLD STANLEY LEVISON THAT BERNARD LEE, SCLC STAFF, HAD CONTACTED HIS SECRETARY TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM BECAUSE SEEMINGLY CORETTA (KING) HAS MADE SOME MOVE TO TAKE OVER SCLC." LEVISON EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT. [S]

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ON EIGHT ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, LEVISON CONTACTED ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT SCLC. YOUNG SUGGESTED THAT A COMPETENT PERSON BE PUT IN CHARGE OF SCLC OPERATIONS IN NEW YORK. LEVISON AGREED AND STATED THAT BILL RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCLC, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT IN ADDITION TO HIS FUND RAISING DUTIES.

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YOUNG ASKED LEVISON'S OPINION ON HOW THE POOR PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATION CAME OFF AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

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LEVISON STATED THAT IT WAS TERRIBLE BECAUSE RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC PRESIDENT, GETS THE MOST NEGATIVE REACTIONS. HE SAID HE DOES NOT COME OVER RIGHT ON TELEVISON AND THAT HIS SLOW WITTEDNESS CONTRASTED WITH THE PEOPLE HE WAS DEALING WITH.

LEVISON FELT IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR ABERNATHY TO GO WITH GOVERNOR KIRK OF FLORIDA INTO THE COMMUNITY IN MIAMI WHERE AN OUBREAK OF VIOLENCE OCCURRED DURING THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. YOUNG AGREED THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR ABERNATHY TO GET INTO THE POLICE CAR WITH THE GOVERNOR.

LEVISON TOLD YOUNG THAT HE MUST AGAIN REITERATE THAT UNLESS YOUNG OR SOMEONE ELSE EMERGES AS A "FIGURE" IN THE SCLC, THE ORGANIZATION WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET FUNDS. HE CLAIMED THAT "DRY ROT" HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE ORGANIZATION.

YOUNG MENTIONED THE SCLC CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR EIGHT FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND STATED HE IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE THE KEY-NOTE ADDRESS. REFERRING TO WHAT HE SHOULD TALK ABOUT, HE NOTED THAT HE

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HAD TOLD MARTIN (LUTHER KING) THE SCLC SHOULD ST
APOLOGIZING FOR VIOLENCE. YOUNG SAID THE FACT OF
ALIENATION MUST BE ACCEPTED AND, REGARDLESS OF WHAT SCLC
DOES, SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO LASH OUT VIOLENTLY IN SOME
CIRCUMSTANCES. HE SAID HE INTENDS TO COMMENT ON THE
DELIBERATE ATTEMPTS ON THE PART OF THE RIGHT WING TO
PROVOKE VIOLENCE AND GIVE INDICATIONS OF HOW VIOLENCE ONLY
PRODUCES A STRONGER REACTION FROM THE RIGHT.

LEVISON MENTIONED THAT THE SNIPING THAT HAS BEEN
GOING ON IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES MIGHT BE DONE BY RIGHT
WING PEOPLE IN ORDER TO BLAME NEGROES. HE SUGGESTED
ALSO THAT YOUNG MIGHT POINT OUT THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN
ANY VIOLENCE THIS SUMMER COMPARABLE TO OTHER SUMMERS AND
THAT YOUNG MIGHT ATTRIBUTE THIS TO SCLC'S EFFORTS.

YOUNG INQUIRED IF ANYTHING WAS SAID AT THE SCLC
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON,
DC, WHILE ABERNATHY WAS IN JAIL, ABOUT COLLECTIVE
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LEADERSHIP. LEVISON NOTED THAT HE, CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC LEGAL ADVISOR FROM CHICAGO, AND JOE LOWERY AND BEN HOOKS, SCLC OFFICIALS, WERE AT THE MEETING AND THAT EVERYONE AGREES THAT COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP IS NECESSARY.

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Date 8/12/68

Attached deals with internal developments in Southern Christian Leadership Conference, organization which sponsored the Poor People's Campaign. Data emanated from sensitive New York source.

Letterhead memorandum with details in this matter will be disseminated to Internal Security Division of Department, Inter-Division Information Unit of Department, Secret Service, and military intelligence agencies.

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FROM MEMPHIS (157-166)

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RE TELEPHONE CALL TO CHICAGO INSTANT DATE.

[redacted] RECEIVED TELEGRAM ELEVEN FORTY FIVE P.M., AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST FROM [redacted] WHICH STATED THAT [redacted] HAD RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM AN INFORMANT ATTENDING SCLC CONVENTION, MEMPHIS THAT PLOT EXISTS AT MEMPHIS TO KILL RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT SCLC AND "BARACCUDA", WHOSE TRUE NAME IS ALEXANDER RICE, SCLC SECURITY OFFICER, BY BOBBY DEW, AN NEGRO MALE AND MEMBER OF THE "BLACK HAND GANG" FROM CHICAGO. REC 44 EX-11

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MEMPHIS INDICES NEGATIVE RE BOBBY DEW AND BLACK HAND GANG.

ABERNATHY PRESENTLY AT CLARIDGE HOTEL, MEMPHIS, GUARDED BY MEMPHIS PD DETAIL OF EIGHT OFFICERS AND HAS BEEN ADVISED BY MEMPHIS PD OF ASSASSINATION PLOT. ALEXANDER RICE LAST OBSERVED IN LOBBY OF CLARIDGE HOTEL ELEVEN THIRTY P.M., AUGUST FIFTEEN, LAST, BUT NOT IN HIS ROOM AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

REV. ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC, CONTACTED BY MEMPHIS PD INSTANT DATE, ADVISED PD THAT ALEXANDER RICE HAS BEEN HAVING A FIGHT WITH A

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WEST SIDE CHICAGO GROUP, NAME UNKNOWN. YOUNG BELIEVES TARGET OF ASSASSINATION PLOT TO BE RICE RATHER THAN ABERNATHY.

[redacted] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY [redacted] ONE THIRTY A.M., INSTANT DATE, BUT FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REFUSED TO FURNISH NAME OF HIS INFORMANT WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE A NEGRO FEMALE AS [redacted] REFERS TO INFORMANT AS "SHE". [redacted] STATED ALEXANDER RICE TOLD INFORMANT REGARDING THIS ASSASSINATION PLOT. b7D

CHICAGO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BOBBY DEW. FURNISH MEMPHIS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND PHOTO IF AVAILABLE. CONTACT INFORMANTS RE "BLACK HAND GANG" AND DETERMINE IF ANY MEMBERS OF THIS GANG ARE IN MEMPHIS.

WFO CONTACT [redacted] b7D

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM HIS INFORMANT AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN IDENTITY OF HIS INFORMANT.

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The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is holding a convention in Memphis, Tennessee. The attached pertains to a report alleging that a plot exists to kill Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President of SCLC, and an SCLC security officer. Abernathy, other SCLC officials, and local law enforcement authorities are cognizant.

Pertinent information being included in teletype summary to the White House and interested agencies and officials.

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TO DIRECTOR, WFO AND MEMPHIS

(WFO VIA WASHINGTON)

FROM CHICAGO

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RE MEMPHIS TEL AND MYTEL, AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST, NO INFO EDVELOPED RE BOBBY DEW, AND BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA "BLACK HAND GANG" FROM CHICAGO UNKNOWN.

CHICAGO SOURCES, RELIABLE IN PAST, KNOWLEDGEABLE OF SOME RACIAL ACTIVITIES IN CHICAGO, CONTACTED THIS DATE, ADVISED BOBBY DEW UNKNOWN AND NO INFO BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA RE GROUP KNOWN AS "BLACK HAND GANG".

CHICAGO SOURCES ASSIGNED. ANY PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED.

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(WFO VIA BUREAU)

FROM CHICAGO (157-

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C.

RE CHICAGO TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE INSTANT.

CHICAGO INDICES AND CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE RE DEW AND "BLACK HAND GANG". PHONE DIRECTORY NEGATIVE RE DEW.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information furnished by [redacted] on 8/14, 15/68, concerning the financial status of CORETTA KING. [redacted]

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Communist Influence In The
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on August 14, 1968, that Joan Davis, a publisher's representative, told Stanley Levison that she had a $750,000.00 contract ready for his examination. Levison instructed her to send a copy of the contract to Harry Wachtel and one to Coretta King and that he and Wachtel would go over it by August 19, 1968.

The source was unable to furnish any details concerning the $750,000.00 contract. However, on April 20, 1968, the source advised that Levison stated a publisher named Holt had offered $750,000.00 to Coretta King for a book concerning her life with her husband, Martin Luther King.

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On August 15, 1968, the source ascertained that on that date Levison told Harry Belafonte that he had discussed Coretta King and SCLC funds with Bernard Lee, SCLC Aide. He said he told Lee that when the Martin Luther King Memorial Fund was established, the agreement was that Coretta King would share in it and that she deserves to share in the fund because she has helped to raise funds. He also told Lee that the SCLC has reserves of over a million dollars apart from the Martin Luther King fund.

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Levison noted that Lee felt that Coretta was not mourning properly for her husband and was too busy. In addition, he said that Lee is fearful that Coretta is going to forbid the SCLC to use King's name for any purpose without consulting her. Levison stated that he told Lee that, if Coretta was not working as hard as she is on the book to provide for the financial security of her children, the SCLC would have this responsibility. He also explained to Lee that the only restriction Coretta could place on the SCLC regarding the use of King's name is with regard to fund-raising.

Belafonte, according to the source, was pleased to learn that Lee was convinced by Levison's argument because, although he feels the SCLC leadership is justified in some of its criticism of Coretta, he does not want to see her alienated.

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN [redacted] DATE: August 19, 1968

FROM : G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

This is to advise of the progress of our investigation into an allegation of "bribery" or "extortion" reportedly being practiced by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

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BACKGROUND:

[redacted] a sensitive source, reported a conversation between Stanley Levison, a principal SCLC adviser who has been identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963, and the SCLC legal adviser. They discussed a report that [redacted] an SCLC staff member, had extorted $20,000 in fees for his lawyer, $3,000 for himself, and $1,000,000 in insurance, in connection with negotiations [redacted] and the P. Lorillard Company. [redacted]

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Reportedly, [redacted] targeted the P. Lorillard Company, and as a result money possibly passed "under the table." [redacted]

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Appropriate offices were instructed to canvass informants about this matter with the utmost discretion.

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1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Background information about negotiations between Operation Breadbasket and the P. Lorillard Company was developed by the Charlotte Office. Charlotte was also able to discreetly identify a Vice President in the New York Office of the P. Lorillard Company who might have pertinent information.

Bufiles contain no record concerning this individual, and we have instructed the New York Office to interview him concerning the negotiations [redacted]

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A canvass of logical informants and other field offices involved failed to develop any further information regarding this matter.

ACTION:

For information. You will be kept advised of developments.

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RE MEMPHIS TEL AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST.

SCLC CONVENTION OFFICIALLY CLOSED AT END OF MASS RALLY HELD MASON TEMPLE EVENING OF AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST, ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY NINE THOUSAND PEOPLE. DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SCLC. MAJOR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY SCLC CONVENTION ARE NO SUPPORT FOR REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES; NATIONWIDE BOYCOTT OF A AND P FOOD STORE CHAIN; A NATIONWIDE EXTENSION OF SCLC OPERATION "BREAD BASKET;" AN INCREASE IN NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION. BLACK POWER OFFICIALLY DEFINED BY CONVENTION AS BEING BLACK VOTING POWER. NO INCIDENTS OR DEMONSTRATIONS OCCURRED AND NO ARRESTS MADE BY MEMPHIS PD IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CONVENTION. LHM FOLLOWS. P. END.

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During the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach, one officer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference rented three penthouse rooms at The Fontanbleau a posh hotel at a cost of $160 per day. This is the outfit that claims to represent the poor people.

To John & Clyde:

John: I broke this story exclusively in N.Y. Daily Column (1st page) & on mutual network.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (105-16238)(P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) IS-C

OO: ATLANTA

Enclosed for the Bureau for information are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning SCLC, and a copy designated for Atlanta which is origin in this matter.

Chicago is continuing to follow and the Bureau will be advised of any developments.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

On August 16, 1968, an article appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily Chicago newspaper, edition of August 16, 1968. The article was captioned "W. Side Cobras Ask Other Gangs to Assist SCLC."

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The article reflected that the Egyptian Cobras West side Chicago (Negro) Youth Gang had stated the previous day that it was currently engaged in recruiting members of other gangs to form a united front and support SCLC. Curtis Hill, described in the article as chairman of the board of the Casanovas, described as an elite group of the Cobras gang, was quoted as stating that some of the younger members of the gang are leaving it to devote their energies to SCLC work. Hill felt that the Cobras would not disband completely because "there are always some renegade groups" that will carry on.

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MEMBER - CASANOVAS

CURTIS Hill had stated that the majority of the Cobras are ready to "hang up our guns and start work with truth as their weapon." Hill described himself as a member of this gang since 1955, advising that up until now he "never had a suitable outlet in the community." He also stated that a commitment has been received from some other youth gangs of the West side to cooperate in this endeavor, but he did not want to make any further comment along those lines until this cooperation was finalized.

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is very knowledgeable concerning Negro street gang activities on Chicago's West side, advised on August 20, 1968, that he had heard of the effort being made on the part of the Cobras to affiliate themselves with SCLC, for the purpose of engaging in constructive activities in their neighborhoods, such as rehabilitation and clean up of buildings, the clean up of streets and deserted lots, the washing of neighborhood cars and the like. It was also understood that the Cobras will engage in fund raising efforts locally for SCLC and presumably will be available to participate in SCLC projects and activities here. The source was unaware of any other similar groups that are at present contemplating following the lead of the Cobras.

A copy of this communication is being provided to the following:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois;

United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois;

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 8/27/68

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-42300) (P)

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JOSEPH DRUMMOND
SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK

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A review of information contained in files of the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has failed to reveal any information identifying Joseph Drummond, Saint John, New Brunswick, as a participant in the Poor People's Campaign or a resident of Resurrection City during its existance in Washington, D. C. (WDC). In addition, no information was located indicating that representatives of the New Brunswick Association for the Advancement of Coloured People participated in the Poor People's Campaign.

It is to be noted that identities of all participants in the Poor People's Campaign and identities of all residents of Resurrection City are not known.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-16665)(P)

REPCON

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 19 copies of a LHM, dated as above, captioned "DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 5-10, 1968."

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Miami, Florida
August 7, 1968

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RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 5-10, 1968

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[redacted] advised b7D on August 6, 1968, that flyers were distributed outside the Miami Beach Convention Hall during the afternoon of August 6, 1968, announcing a black mass rally to be held from 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM, August 7, 1968. This is to be held at 1675 Northwest 62nd Street, Miami, Florida. Representatives of the following organizations would be present:

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)

Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)

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DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL
REPUBLICAN CONVENTION,
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA,
AUGUST 5-10, 1968

Black Panthers

United Black Students (UBS)

BATE (not further identified)

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

Speakers are to include WILT CHAMBERLAIN, professional basketball player, Reverend RALPH D. ABERNATHY, President of the SCLC, MICHAEL MEISELMAN, AL FEATHERSTON, JIMMIE CHATMON, and LARRY JOHNSON of the UBS. This flyer called for involvement by black, of black, and for black. It indicated that they would demand and insist on:

1) Black control of black ghetto politics, economics and education.

2) Guaranteed annual income.

3) Programs for poor people, controlled by poor people.

4) Black police force and black fire department for the black community.

The flyer also states that black America will be heard.

MICHAEL MEISELMAN is a staff member and Florida traveler for the Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC), according to the February 14, 1968 issue of "Work List Mailing," an SSOC publication.

A characterization of the SSOC is contained in the Appendix of this memorandum.

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DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL
REPUBLICAN CONVENTION,
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA,
AUGUST 5-10, 1968

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ALFRED FEATHERSTON allegedly stated on October 9, 1967, "It would be a good idea to be able to help the Communist Party (CP) to eliminate President JOHNSON," according to [redacted] b7D

The United States Attorney, Secret Service, 111th MI. Group Operations, Office of Special Investigations, and the Miami Beach Police Department were advised of the above information on August 6, 1968.

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SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (SSOC)

On November 1, 1966, a first source advised that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), with headquarters at 1703 Portland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, was formed on the weekend of April 3-5, 1964, to stimulate activity of Southern Student groups in areas of civil rights, peace, academic freedom, civil liberties, capital punishment and unemployment. Originally, it was to be a white counterpart of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). It has agreed to work with similar interested groups such as SNCC and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF). SSOC is a fraternal affiliate of the SDS.

Beginning in the Fall of 1966, SSOC became a membership organization and embarked on a campaign to form local chapters on various college campuses throughout the South. SSOC publishes, October through May each year, a publication, "new South Student," which, according to the above source, has increasingly espoused and defended the pro-Communist and anti-United States position on domestic and foreign policy.

On August 12, 1966, a second source advised that Donald Leslie Boner of Nashville, Tennessee, had been in the Communist Party (CP) for about four months.

On September 27, 1966, a third source advised that Donald Boner, while in attendance at a CPUSA Youth Conference, Camp Webatuck, New York, September 12-14, 1966, gave a report regarding Nashville, saying that CP personnel were concentrating on organizing rent strikes, working with SSOC and SCEF, and establishing a Socialist Study Group for students.

On September 27, 1966, and again on June 2, 1967, the third source advised that during the Summer of 1966, the CPUSA concentrated its youth cadre in organizing projects in several cities in an effort to recruit for and strengthen local CP youth organizations. Nashville, Tennessee, was

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included in this project. The youth placed in charge of the Nashville project was Donald Leslie Boner, with funds to be made available for three to five full-time organizers in Nashville. Jacqueline Saindon of the New York City CP also came to Nashville in the Summer of 1966 for this purpose. At the CPUSA Youth Conference at Camp Webatuck, September, 1966, Boner reported that effective liaison had been made with SSOC. Following the conference, attendees Brian Heggen and Patricia Louise Rabbitt traveled to Nashville to join Boner's organizing efforts there.

On February 28, 1967, a fourth source advised that Patricia Louise Rabbitt of Seattle, Washington, a member of the Northwest CP District, had gone to Nashville, Tennessee, to organize in connection with a CP assignment.

On June 8, 1967, source five advised that Patricia Rabbitt, Brian Heggen, Donald Boner and his wife, Carol Stevens Boner, were all active members of SSOC in Nashville and that Heggen was as of that time Editor of the official SSOC publication, "New South Student."

The April, 1967, issue, Volume IV, No. 4, of "New South Student" carried a book review on page 22 by Donald Boner of a book entitled "CIA and American Labor," authored by George Morris, Labor Editor of "The Worker," East Coast Communist newspaper. Boner was described therein as an active member of the Nashville SSOC Chapter.

On July 7, 1967, source three advised that the CPUSA conducted a training school for CP youths at Camp Abelard, New York, beginning June 17, 1967, and lasting for three weeks. During this school, CP youth conferences were held at the Camp from July 1 through July 4, 1967, and during a youth conference, a meeting was held relative to the activities of Party youths during a July, 1967, trip to the Soviet Union, which had been scheduled. It was announced that a trip to Leningrad for the DuBois Clubs of America and CP youths would begin July 17, 1967. A list of persons to be submitted to the Vietnamese had American Delegation for the Paris meeting with the Vietnamese youths was drawn up. The DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) had been designated as the organizer for this meeting in the United States and suggested a list of names for the American delegation. Among the names, as a representative for SSOC, was Tom Gardner.

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SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (SSOC)

SSOC "Worklist Mailing," Volume 1, No. 1, dated September 15, 1967, relative to staff announcements indicated that Tom Gardner, SSOC Chairman, would be back from his trip to Prague in a few days. The article explained that Gardner was selected as one of 25 representatives of the American Peace Movement to meet with representatives of the National Liberation Front (NLF) and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV).

SSOC "Worklist Mailing," dated February 14, 1968, indicated that Alan Levin, also known as Nik, SSOC Vice Chairman, was in Cuba for the month of February (1968).

By letter dated April 26, 1968, on SSOC letterhead mailed to the general SSOC membership over the signature of Mike Welch, Executive Secretary of SSOC, it was announced that as a step toward close relations with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and better communications with the movement nationally, SSOC and SDS have worked out an exchange of the "New South Student" and the "New Left Notes," and that SDS and SSOC were exchanging contact lists of their respective members for this exchange.

APPENDIX X

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)

Literature distributed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia, describes itself as not being a membership organization, but rather an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements. SNCC was born out of the sit-in movement which erupted across the South, beginning on February 1, 1960. A conference at Raleigh, North Carolina, that spring, brought together many of the demonstrating southern students in a loose network of militant youth which was officially named SNCC in October of 1960.

A source has advised that in May of 1966, STOKELY CARMICHAEL was elected National Chairman by the Central Committee. In May of 1967, CARMICHAEL was replaced as Chairman by H. RAP BROWN, with CARMICHAEL assuming the position of Recruiter and Organizer for the SNCC. In August of 1967, at the invitation of FIDEL CASTRO, CARMICHAEL participated in the Organization of Latin American Solidarity Conference, which was held in Havana, Cuba. Subsequent thereto, CARMICHAEL traveled to Hanoi and other sections of North Vietnam. He returned to the United States in December of 1967, at which time his passport was picked up because of travel to unauthorized countries.

A source advised that when CARMICHAEL was elected Chairman of the SNCC, the organization embarked on a program of eliminating Caucasians from its ranks. With the election of H. RAP BROWN as Chairman in 1967, it embarked on a world-wide struggle for human rights, and to take a firm stand against violations of these rights by the American Government and to strengthen its programs of opposition to the draft and to the United States involvement in Vietnam.

Literature distributed in February of 1968 identifies the SNCC as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

On August 13, 1967, while addressing a group in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, H. RAP BROWN said, "You better shape up in America, or we'll burn you down." Later in February of 1968, in a publicized note, BROWN wrote, "America, if it takes my death to organize my people to revolt against you and your children, your God, you poor, your country, and to organize mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here's my life."

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the Left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible Left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anti-Communist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "new Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some Communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization, as of April 18, 1967, were located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF)

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) was cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947. In the same House report, "The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SCHW.

An amendment to the charter of SCHW, dated April 26, 1946, changed its name to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF), and stated its purpose to be to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people, in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals.

The masthead of the April, 1967, issue of "The Southern Patriot" indicated it is the publication of SCEF, editorial and business offices of which are located at 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, eastern office of which is located at Suite 412, 799 Broadway, New York, New York. "The Southern Patriot" is published once each month, except July. SCEF is stated to be dedicated to ending discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, national origin or economic condition.

CARL BRADEN is identified as Executive Director of SCEF, and ANNE BRADEN as Editor of "The Southern Patriot."

Mrs. ALBERTA AHEARN, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), Louisville, Kentucky, testified on December 11 and 13, 1954, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Criminal Court in a State sedition prosecution against CARL JAMES BRADEN. She identified CARL BRADEN and his wife, ANNE MC CARTY BRADEN, as having been known to her as members of the CP from January of 1951 to December of 1954.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South, where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940s, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements

of the early 1960s. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for 20 years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a CP functionary, stated at a meeting of the CP in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the CP is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 3, 1966, that during the time SCHW was in existence, members of the CP were members of and worked actively in SCHW; however, since the formation of SCEF, CP members have not been encouraged to work in SCEF. The source stated SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the CP on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

A third source advised on May 25, 1965, that GEORGE MEYERS, a CP functionary, expressed great admiration for CARL and ANNE BRADEN and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned, and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 3, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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Miami, Florida
August 7, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 5-10, 1968

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Reference Memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 7/8/68 captioned as above and Atlanta airtel to Bureau, dated 3/12/68 captioned, "Washington Spring Project, RM."

Reference Bureau letter requests two copies of Volume I, Numbers 1, 2 and 3 of "Soul Force."

Reference Atlanta airtel forwarded to the Bureau one copy of Volume I, Number 1.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following issues of "Soul Force" furnished 7/18/68 by [redacted]

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It is noted that Volume I, Number 3, Page 8, upper right hand corner sets forth the photographs of individuals adjacent to a bus. Prominent in this photograph is a Negro male wearing what appears to be a blanket. This individual resembles STOKELY CARMICHAEL, [redacted]

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RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AUGUST 14-17, 1968
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM captioned as above, copies of which are being disseminated locally to Military Intelligence and Secret Service.

Information regarding the arrest of MINFORD LEROMZA WORLEY was contained in WFO's LHM dated 7/31/68 captioned "Poor Peoples Campaign."

Charlotte indices are negative concerning WORLEY with the exception of the information set forth herein.

Two copies are being furnished Atlanta, Memphis, Chicago, and WFO in view of their interest in the individuals mentioned herein.

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Will contact appropriate sources and develop background information concerning MINFORD LEROMZA WORLEY to determine if identical to the MINFORD WORLEY mentioned in The Charlotte Observer newspaper article.

Will keep the Bureau and interested offices advised of pertinent developments.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina

August 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AUGUST 14-17, 1968, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE RACIAL MATTERS

The Charlotte Observer, a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper, in its issue of Sunday, August 4, 1968, contained an article quoting MINFORD WORLEY, described as a local organizer for Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and a full time Security Guard, which indicates that August 14-17, 1968, the SCLC will hold a convention at Memphis, Tennessee, and 50 persons are wanted who can attend from the Charlotte, North Carolina, area. According to the article, the meeting was called by Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and in addition to Mrs. KING, speakers are to include Rev. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Rev. ANDREW YOUNG, Rev. JAMES BEVEL, Rev. JAMES ORANGE, HOSEA WILLIAMS, Rev. JESSIE JACKSON, A. D. KING, and Mayor WALTER E. WASHINGTON of Washington, D. C.

In connection with another matter, it was determined that one MINFORD LEROMZA WORLEY, described as a Negro male, born August 9, 1940, in Robeson County, North Carolina, residing 2710 Sunny Crest Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina, was arrested on June 20, 1968, in connection with a disturbance by members of the "Poor Peoples Campaign" at the Department of Agriculture Building, Washington, D. C.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. One (1) copy each has been furnished to USA, Chicago, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. Information copies are being furnished to Atlanta, Memphis, Springfield in view of their interest in this matter.

Leads for Atlanta and Memphis were set out in referenced teletype.

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[redacted] Chicago Police Department, and [redacted] Cicero, Illinois Police Department, were advised orally on 8/20/68 of the pertinent information set forth in the LHM.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Operation Breadbasket is the economic arm of the SCLC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, AND SACS CHICAGO
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ALLEGED PLAN TO ASSASSINATE REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY

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CHICAGO HAS ADVISED THAT JEFF FORT IS A LEADER OF THE BLACK-STONE RANGERS, A NEGRO YOUTH GANG ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE.

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CHICAGO CONTACT LOCAL SOURCES AND SOURCES OF OTHER OFFICES PRESENTLY IN CHICAGO FOR DEMCON REGARDING ALLEGED PLAN.

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CHICAGO FURNISH INFO TO CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER THAT REVEREND ABERNATHY MAY BE MADE COGNIZANT OF THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLAN.

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[illegible] have previously received information of an alleged plot to assassinate [illegible] D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and he is aware of such. [redacted]

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[illegible] reportedly in Chicago with [illegible] Southern Christian Leadership Conference leaders and Chicago Police Department being advised of the alleged [illegible].

Pertinent information being included in teletype summary to the White House and interested agencies and officials.

TDR:bjr

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WFO VIA BUREAU

FROM CHICAGO (157-2410) (P) (105-16238) (P)

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RE MEMPHIS TEL AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST, CHICAGO TELS AUGUST SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN LAST UNDER THIS CAPTION, RE ALLEGATION OF PLOT TO KILL ABERNATHY.

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CHICAGO NOTES MEMPHIS PD HAD ADVISED ABERNATHY OF ALLEGED

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PLOT. MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE, USA, BEING ADVISED OF ALLEGATION OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF ABERNATHY [redacted] b7D

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ATLANTA, CONTACT SCLC AND SNCC SOURCES AND COVER SAME LEADS SET OUT FOR WFO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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One copy of the enclosed LHM is being furnished by separate communication to 111th MIG, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, pursuant to that agency's previously expressed interest in the recent SCLC convention.

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Communist Infiltration of
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On August 14, 1968, the 11th annual convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) commenced in Memphis, Tennessee, with registration of delegates at the Memphis affiliate of SCLC, 531 South Parkway East. At approximately 8 p.m. a "Black Art and Culture" exhibit was held at the Paradise Club, 645 East Georgia Avenue. The opening formalities of this exhibit were participated in by Rev. C. K. STEELE, from Tallahassee, Florida, First Vice President, SCLC.

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, President, SCLC, then briefly explained why Memphis had been selected as the location of this convention, reviewed accomplishments and cited future objectives of SCLC.

On August 15, 1968, ABERNATHY delivered his annual report to the convention at a meeting held at 531 South Parkway East. In this report he expressed appreciation for assistance and guidance rendered to him subsequent to April 4, 1968 by members of the SCLC Executive Board, SCLC Executive Staff and others. Among those referred to by ABERNATHY

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were C. K. STEELE and HOSEA WILLIAMS, Director, Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC.

ABERNATHY then spoke of the aspirations of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., former President, SCLC, and the organization's intention to carry out the dreams of Rev. KING. He cited efforts of the news media to divide and confuse SCLC since the death of Rev. KING. ABERNATHY declared "we" will never be divided because "we stand together like a solid rock."

ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Vice President, SCLC, also addressed the convention. He referred to the constant poverty experienced by Negroes and declared poverty is a tool of the white power structure aimed at destruction of the Negro. YOUNG said while "we" do not condone violence the system under which "we" live causes violence. Violence, he pointed out, could be stopped by proper leadership on the part of "white America."

TENN FORMER COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER

RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, former Program Director, SCLC, spoke of SCLC economic activities. He referred to successful efforts of SCLC to establish three factories in the vicinity of Crawfordville and Talbotton, Georgia, which currently provide employment for Negroes.

Activity of the convention on August 15, 1968, culminated with a banquet held at the Paradise Club. CORETTA SCOTT KING, widow of Rev. KING, during the course of the banquet spoke of her husband's hopes and efforts to save America from destruction.

On August 16, 1968, a convention business session was held at 531 Soth Parkway East during the course of which it was announced that ABERNATHY would continue to serve SCLC as President.

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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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C. K. STEELE

In June, 1965, a confidential source made available records relating to a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 16, 1965. Rev. C. K. STEELE was identified as having attended a meeting of the Board of Directors on this date.

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"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

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A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 8, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF, Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

CARL BRADEN and ANNE BRADEN, Director and Associate Director respectively of the SCEF, were identified by ALBERTA AHEARN, 2311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, on December 13, 1954, in her testimony in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Court in the prosecution of CARL BRADEN under a state sedition statute as members of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

A third source advised on May 23, 1963, that GEORGE MEYERS, a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for CARL and ANNE BRADEN and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 8, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source who furnished information in June, 1965 used to characterize C. K. STEELE. This source has furnished both reliable and unreliable information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/29/68

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-NEW) (P)

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

SUBJECT: SCLC PROTEST MARCH,
MARKS, MISSISSIPPI,
QUITMAN COUNTY,
8/29/68
RM
OO: Jackson

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven LHM copies reflecting information of an intended SCLC protest march and demonstration at Marks, Mississippi, Quitman County, on 8/29/68.

Two copies of this LHM are being furnished MIGp, one copy to Secret Service, and one copy to USA, Oxford, Mississippi.

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JACKSON

AT MARKS, MISSISSIPPI. Will follow and report outcome of SCLC protest march and demonstration on 8/29/68.

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Jackson, Mississippi

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August 29, 1968

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PROTEST MARCH, MARKS, MISSISSIPPI, QUITMAN COUNTY, AUGUST 29, 1968

On August 23, 1968, [redacted] Marks, Mississippi, advised that Bobby Nelson, a Negro male, employed for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was meeting the evening of August 23, 1968, with approximately 100 Negroes at the Eudora A.M.E. Church on Second Street in Marks, Mississippi. [redacted] said the purpose of the SCLC meeting was to formulate plans for a protest demonstration march to be held at an undetermined date in Marks, Mississippi, sponsored by SCLC. [redacted] said SCLC at that time plans to march to the State Roadside Park on Highways 6 and 3 in Marks and on to the City Library, and then to the white swimming pool.

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MISSISSIPPI, QUITMAN COUNTY,
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On August 27, 1968, [redacted] advised that the SCLC protest demonstration march is scheduled for 10:00 AM on August 29, 1968; and that SCLC was given a parade permit on August 27, 1968, from Harold Langford, the mayor of Marks.

[redacted] advised that the white swimming pool in Marks is a private pool and is now closed. He said that on August 29, 1968, school registration will be held in Marks, which may cause more Negroes to participate in the SCLC march than he had previously anticipated.

[redacted] advised that in this regard he has notified the MHSP headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi, of the SCLC intended march.

On August 27, 1968, [redacted] Marks, advised that Bobby Nelson, a Negro male, SCLC staff director, from Atlanta, Georgia, is presently in charge of the SCLC Marks office [redacted] advised that Nelson is a Negro male, 25 to 30 years old, 250 pounds, large build, gray eyes, and well educated.

[redacted] said that on August 29, 1968, SCLC intends to march approximately 500 Negroes from the SCLC headquarters on Third Street in Marks to the Marks Public Library and on to the white swimming pool, and then to some white cafes in Marks at approximately 10:30 AM. [redacted]

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SCLC PROTEST MARCH, MARKS,
MISSISSIPPI, QUITMAN COUNTY,
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FROM: SAC, WFO (100-42300) (P)

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 27, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Communist Infiltration of SCLC
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama
August 27, 1968

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Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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1. Rev. Ralph Abernathy was elected president without any vocal opposition with the exception of a very few boo's by young people seated near the front.

2. Rev. W. [illegible] former SCLC Executive Director, was elected second vice president.

3. Stony Cooks was placed in charge of the Youth Division, which will work specifically with high school and college youth for SCLC's interest.

4. SCLC will not support Richard Nixon for the presidency.

5. No presidential candidate will be supported unless one is nominated who promises:

a. to end the Vietnam War;

b. to guarantee income for the poor;

c. to feed the hungry.

6. To rededicate itself (SCLC) to nonviolence.

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7. To call for a boycott of all A&P stores.

8. To set up a division to establish relationships with black persons of other nations, especially with the poor, to help lift the economic level of black people everywhere by discussing and sharing common problems.

Over 1,500 delegates were in attendance at the convention.

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At noon on August 14, 1968 the Board of Directors met at the Claridge Hotel. Rev. Joseph Lowery of Atlanta is Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth of Cincinnati, Ohio is Secretary. Rev. Lowery addressed the Board meeting with expressions of great concern for SCLC and this particular meeting. He expressed the hope that the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would be demonstrated throughout the meeting.

Rev. Andrew Young addressed the Board on the subject, "What Will Become of His Dream?", referring to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He climaxed his remarks by stating, "Following his spirit by the light of his star and the suffering of his cross, we will continue until his dream shall become a reality and the soul of America has been redeemed."

Rev. Bernard LaFayette, Jr., Coordinator for the Poor People's Campaign, was presented. He stated, "In spite of the incidents on the part of police, we were able to maintain or at least suppress violence and elevate and project nonviolence. Our strategy must be to focus on the poor people and their problems, organize direct action through mobilization and preach them into demonstration, and to win support for them." Rev. LaFayette cited some

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of their accomplishments as follows:

1. The "freeze" on Federal aid to dependent children;

2. More food being made available through food stamps, school lunches, and free food programs;

3. Mayors of twenty-two major cities and several Congressmen have pledged to introduce legislation to help the poor;

4. The national response has been gratifying. The poor have become visible and are no longer hidden from the eyes of America.

Rev. Joseph Lowery presented Rev. T. Y. Rogers, Director of Ministers Leadership Training Program (MLTP). He addressed the Board on the MLTP of SCLC. He said the MLTP Program has become an "organization of programs", i.e., programs of change, programs of progress, and programs of justice. He said the MLTP is a program of change and progress; progress in that it is designed to provide a continuous flow of sound, responsible leadership within black America. With reference to "change", Rev. Rogers said, "We are determined to transform the inchoate rage of the Ghetto into a creative force for better living".

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m., the official opening program of the SCLC convention was held. Judge Benjamin Hooks of Memphis, Tennessee extended warm words of welcome from the city of Memphis. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy brought greetings to the meeting from the Board of SCLC. He also reminded them that all present were there to attend the meeting and not to parade the streets of Memphis. Rev. S. B. Kyles was the presiding officer at the evening session.

At 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 15, 1968, Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, President of SCLC, gave his report. Among other things, he said, "If America wants riots stopped, don't expect help from SCLC." He said at the request of Florida's Governor Claude Kirk, he walked through Miami Ghettos to quiet the riots. "But when you get in trouble again, don't send for me because I will walk no more with you". Speaking of politics, Rev. Abernathy said,

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"The Negro might just have a blackout as it relates to the President".

The afternoon session on August 15, 1968 was addressed by Rev. Andrew Young, Executive Secretary of SCLC. He said, "Things will not be all nonviolent. We must accept it but we cannot condone it. Now is the time for militant action. We are serving notice now on America. We are not going to sit by and hope things go away. We are America's New Black Joe's, walking around and getting bad".

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Director of Operation Bread Basket, gave a progress report also at this session.

At the annual banquet on Thursday, August 15, 1968, Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., told about 4,000, "Our nation is guilty of all forms of violence. We have an epidemic of violence. Racism, deprivation and poverty are the causes of violence. There is a great need for creative response to these problems, brought on our nation and now leading our nation to doom". The banquet was held at the Paradise Club. There was no fear of trouble because [illegible] had been called into active service and along with them, several plain-clothes detectives were assigned to guard both Mrs. King and also Rev. Ralph Abernathy.

On Friday, August 16, 1968, Rev. Jesse Jackson met with all ministers of the various cities and planned a national boycott against the Atlantic and Pacific Company Stores. No definite date was reached for the boycott.

A mass meeting was held Friday night at the Masonic Temple. Judge Benjamin Hooks of Memphis presided and music was furnished by the Freedom Choirs. The Honorable Richard Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana, was the speaker. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy of SCLC also spoke. Rev. Wyatt T. Walker made presentations to Mrs. Rosa Parks and T. Y. Rogers. It is noted that Mrs. Parks was the individual who refused to sit in the rear of a Montgomery, Alabama bus during the beginning of the bus boycott there several years ago which was lead by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The song, "We Shall Overcome", was sung and the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. James Lawson.

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